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In re Application of	:	
Todd R. Manion, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/810,917	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 26, 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. 30835-306066	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed November 2, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the non-final Office action mailed August 11, 2008, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 24, 2009.

Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated August 11, 2009 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Office action and, in the absence of any irregularity, there is a strong presumption that the Office action was properly mailed to the practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Office action was not in fact received. In this regard, the showing required to establish the failure to receive the Office action must consist of the following:

1. a statement from practitioner stating that the Office action was not received by the practitioner;
2. a statement from the practitioner attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received; and
3. a copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in the practitioner's statement.

See MPEP § 711.03(c) under subheading "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action," and "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993).

The petition satisfies the above-stated requirements. Accordingly, the application was not abandoned in fact.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to April M. Wise at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center technical support staff of Art Unit 2444 for re-mailing the Office action of August 11, 2008. The period for reply will run from the mailing date of the Office action.

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